

EPSDT

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

EPSDT is designed to make preventive health care available and accessible to Medicaid-eligible children. EPSDT is a service provided to children under age 21 to identify potentially disabling conditions and to provide and refer to diagnosis and treatment for the identified conditions. Screening providers treat or refer children for medical services outside the expertise of their profession for appropriate diagnosis and treatment as indicated. There are conditions of participation for offices and clinics related to staff, policies and procedures, record keeping, and equipment.

Screening services include:

- Health and developmental history
- Unclothed physical examination
- Developmental assessment
- Vision and hearing assessments
- Assessment of immunization status and updating immunizations
- Assessment of nutritional status
- Laboratory procedures: Hg and Hct; UA, TB skin test, lead, serology for syphilis or gonorrhea if indicated, other lab tests as determined to be medically necessary as appropriate for age, sex, and health history
- Dental screening and for age 2 and over a direct referral to a dentist shall be required
- Anticipatory guidance and health education as indicated by child's age, health and parental or guardian necessity.

EPSDT is designed to improve primary health benefits for children with emphasis on preventive care. Under EPSDT Special Services medically necessary services may be funded, such as diagnostic procedures, treatment, medications, supplies, items and equipment, nutritional supplements, immunotherapy, specialized equipment such as feeder seats, specialized car seats, positioning supports, rehabilitation services for children with developmental delay, private duty nursing, behavioral health services, and special dental health services. Coding is important for reimbursement of both EPSDT and EPSDT special services.

For more information on EPSDT and EPSDT Special Services, call Sandra Conner at: (502) 564-6890